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James Graham House
Buckeystown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1830-1850

The James Graham House is a two-story brick dwelling with the architectural characteristics of a typical vernacular dwelling of the period about 1830-1850. These include 5:1 brick walls, a corbeled brick cornice, 6/6 sash, and simple molded window and door lintels in a three-bay main elevation. The 1-1/2 story rear wing with a cantilevered porch roof with a scalloped bargeboard is also a common variation in the German building tradition of the mid-19th century. Two outbuildings are also with the house, a brick and stone smokehouse and a frame shed which was possibly a chicken house in the last quarter of the 19th century. The smokehouse has an irregular wall structure of stone and brick, suggesting the possibility of repair after a partial destruction. The house and outbuildings are in fair to deteriorated condition and are therefore have only moderate significance as representative of the building techniques and vernacular style of the second quarter of the 19th century.

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James Graham House

Buckeystown

Frederick County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: None

THE MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-1-17

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James Graham House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3539 New Design Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Julian H. Convey

street & number P.O. Box 43 telephone no.:

city, town Buckeystown state and zip code MD 21717

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 964

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 815

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-17

date 1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-17

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The James Graham House is a two-story brick dwelling built about 1830-1850 on the east side of New Design Road about 50 yards north of Manor Woods Road near Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. The property has two outbuildings located immediately east and northeast of the house. One is a one-story brick and stone smokehouse, possibly built about the same time as the house and the other is a one-story frame structure, apparently a chicken house or other small animal shelter built during the last quarter of the 19th century. The buildings are in fair condition, but the house is currently occupied as a rental property. The dates for the house are based on architectural evidence and land and equity records.

The west elevation of the house has three bays with a center entrance. The brick pattern is 5:1 American bond. The unadorned entrance has a four-panel door and a plain transom. When first inventoried in 1978, the entrance had a small wood stoop on stone piers before the doorway. In the intervening period, the stoop was removed and replaced by a short set of concrete steps. There is no conclusive evidence of a one-story porch, which would have been an expected feature in a house of the second quarter of the 19th century, especially as an addition in the second half of the century. Photos of the 1978 survey indicate some slight shading differences above the first story openings which is the only hint that a porch may have existed. The current survey could not confirm the possibility. The windows are 6/6 and both the doorway and the windows have molded lintels. The cornice is corbeled brick. The roof is standing seam metal with interior end chimneys. The north and south gable ends have two 2/2 attic level windows and a single bay on each floor is on the north elevation. A 1-1/2 story rear wing extends from the northeast corner. The wing has an interior end chimney on the east and an extended cantilevered roof over the south elevation. A scalloped bargeboard trim edges the overhang. The wing has two bays on the south side with a door flanked by a 6/6 window. The interior was inaccessible for the current survey.

Smokehouse: The smokehouse is located immediately east of the rear wing. It is in deteriorated condition. The south elevation has walls partially of fieldstone finished to the roofline with brick. The joint line between the brick and stonemasonry is irregular, suggesting the possibility that it may have been repaired after a fire or other destruction. It has a standing seam metal gable roof with an interior end chimney at the north gable end. The south elevation has a central doorway with the door itself missing, and an opening near the gable peak which is also empty.

Frame outbuilding: The frame outbuilding is a one-story structure with board and batten siding and a standing seam metal roof. It is also in deteriorated condition. Its original use is unclear, although its location and materials suggest that it was a chicken house in the late 19th century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850-1865

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The James Graham House is a fair example of a brick vernacular dwelling of the second quarter of the 19th century. It has the corbeled cornice, three-bay elevation and simple molding trim common to many rural houses in the early and mid-19th century. Its brick materials are somewhat unusual in the Buckeystown vicinity for its time period. In the late 19th century, the Buckeystown brick works were very active, supplying brick to builders of all economic levels throughout the Buckeystown Election District. Prior to the dominance of the brick works, however, brick was made by hand, usually by slaves using clay found on the site. The Graham House is located on the "Rocky Fountain" tract, which was owned throughout much of the 19th century by Ignatius D. Richardson, from whom James Graham purchased the property in 1865. The architectural evidence indicates that the house was probably already standing at that date and its location at the edge of the New Design Road points to its having been a tenant house on the larger farm. It appears on the 1873 map of Frederick County, but not on the 1858 Isaac Bond map, supporting the theory that the house, if extant, was considered too insignificant or was not in use and was thus not noted. James Graham died in 1898 and his heirs retained the property until 1922, when it was sold as the result of an equity case. It was in deteriorated condition at that time, having been a rental property for several years. Since that date, little apparent exterior change seems to have occurred, except possibly the removal of a front porch.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-17

Land and Equity Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the brick house on Tax Map 94, Parcel 8.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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3529 New Design Rd. F-1-17 James Graham House

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Miscellaneous

[illegible]

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Buckeystown
Private

C. 1840

The James Graham House is a three bay wide, two story brick residence laid in common bond with a recessed four panel main entrance with four light transom. Occupying the remaining bays are double hung 6/6 windows with wood lintels and decorative entablatures. A one story brick addition, which is two bays wide, extends to the rear of the building on the north side. A large overhanging roof with scalloped edge covers the addition and provides a small porch area. An unusual feature of the building is the existence of a U.S. Geological Survey Mark in the southwest corner of the building.

A small one story brick outbuilding, probably once used as a smokehouse, is located east of the main residence.

The James Graham House is located on a tract known as Rocky Fountain, which was sold to Ignatius Davis Richardson by the widow of Henry Waring in 1842. A small parcel was divided off of this tract and sold to James Graham in 1865 for \$450.00. Graham continued to live in the house until his death in 1922 when the house was sold at public sale.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The J. Graham House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side New Design Road at intersection with Manor Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Julian H. Convey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 43

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J. Graham House is a two story brick residence laid in common bond which faces west from the east side of New Design Road at its intersection with Manor Woods Road near Buckeystown.

The principle facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, a four panel door with recessed paneling and four light transom is located in the second bay.

Occupying the remaining bays are double hung 6/6 windows with wood lintels and decorative entablatures over each bay. The building is one room deep. Three bracing rods extend north and south through the building. A one story brick addition which is two bays wide extends to the rear of the building on the north side. A large overhanging roof with scalloped edges extends south of the addition to provide a small porch area. The brick on the south side of this addition and first level of the east side of the building have been whitewashed. The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation. A standing seam tin roof covers the residence and is attached to the building by a three step brick cornice. A single brick chimney straddles the flank gable roof on the north and south sides and east gable of the addition. An unusual feature of the building is the existence of a U.S. Geological Survey Mark in the southwest corner of the building.

A small one story brick outbuilding is located east of the main residence. The structure which was probably used as a smokehouse is in deteriorating condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J. Graham House is located on a tract of land known as Rocky Fountain which was sold as a 468 acre parcel including Carrollton, Mount Hope and Good Luck to I. Davis Richardson by the widow of Henry Waring, Milient Waring, on July 29, 1842 for \$18,432.75.¹ A small parcel was divided off of this tract and sold to James Graham in 1865 for \$450.² Certainly by this time a house was standing on the property as indicated by the location of the J. Graham House on the Titus Atlas of 1873. The architecture of the building indicates that it was probably built between 1830-50. Graham continued to live in the house until well into the twentieth century when he died and the land was sold at public sale on July 6, 1922.³

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber JS 49; Folio 457.

²Ibid., Liber JWLC 4; Folio 88.

³Frederick County Equity Case #10498, Liber EGH 5; Folio 286.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

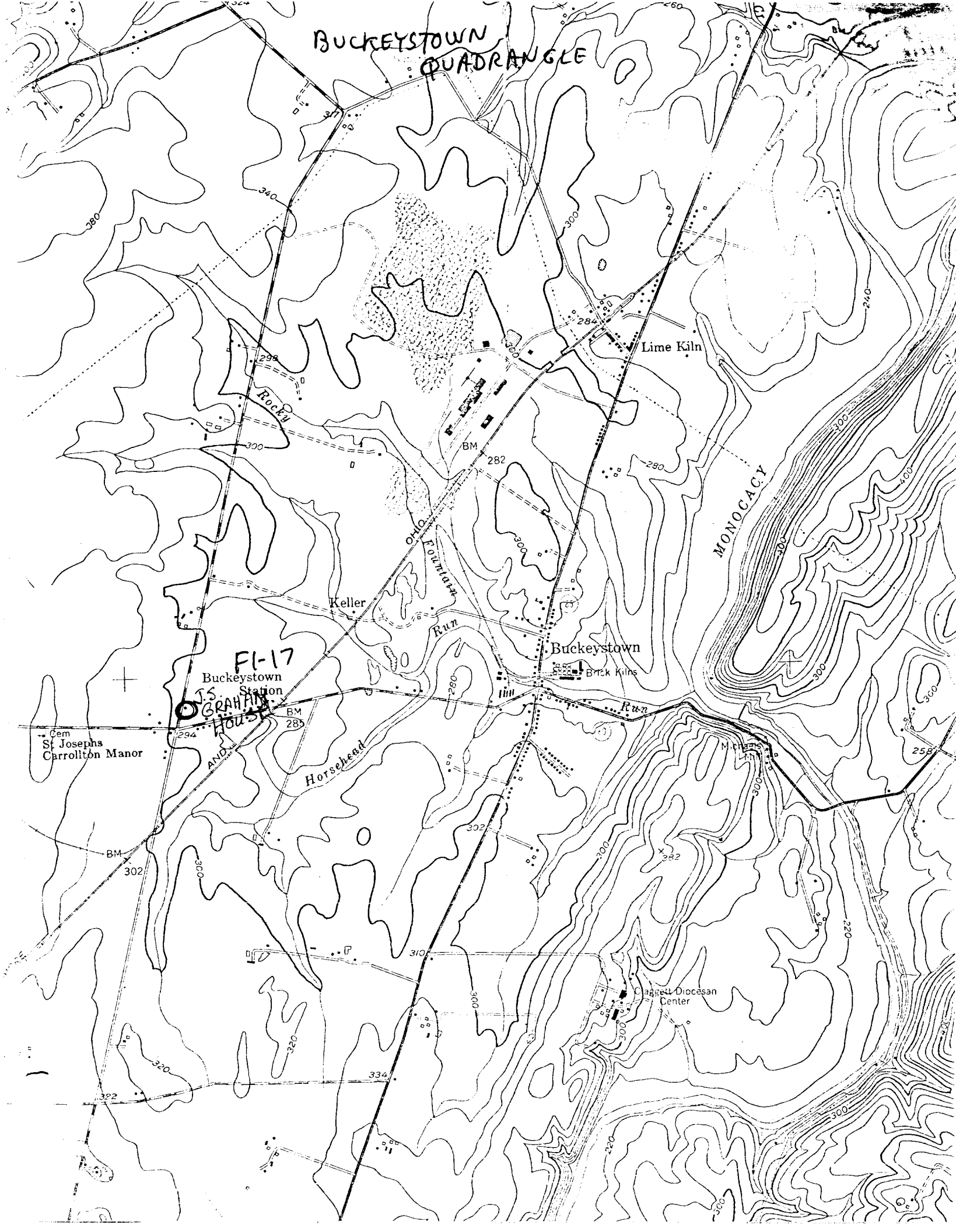
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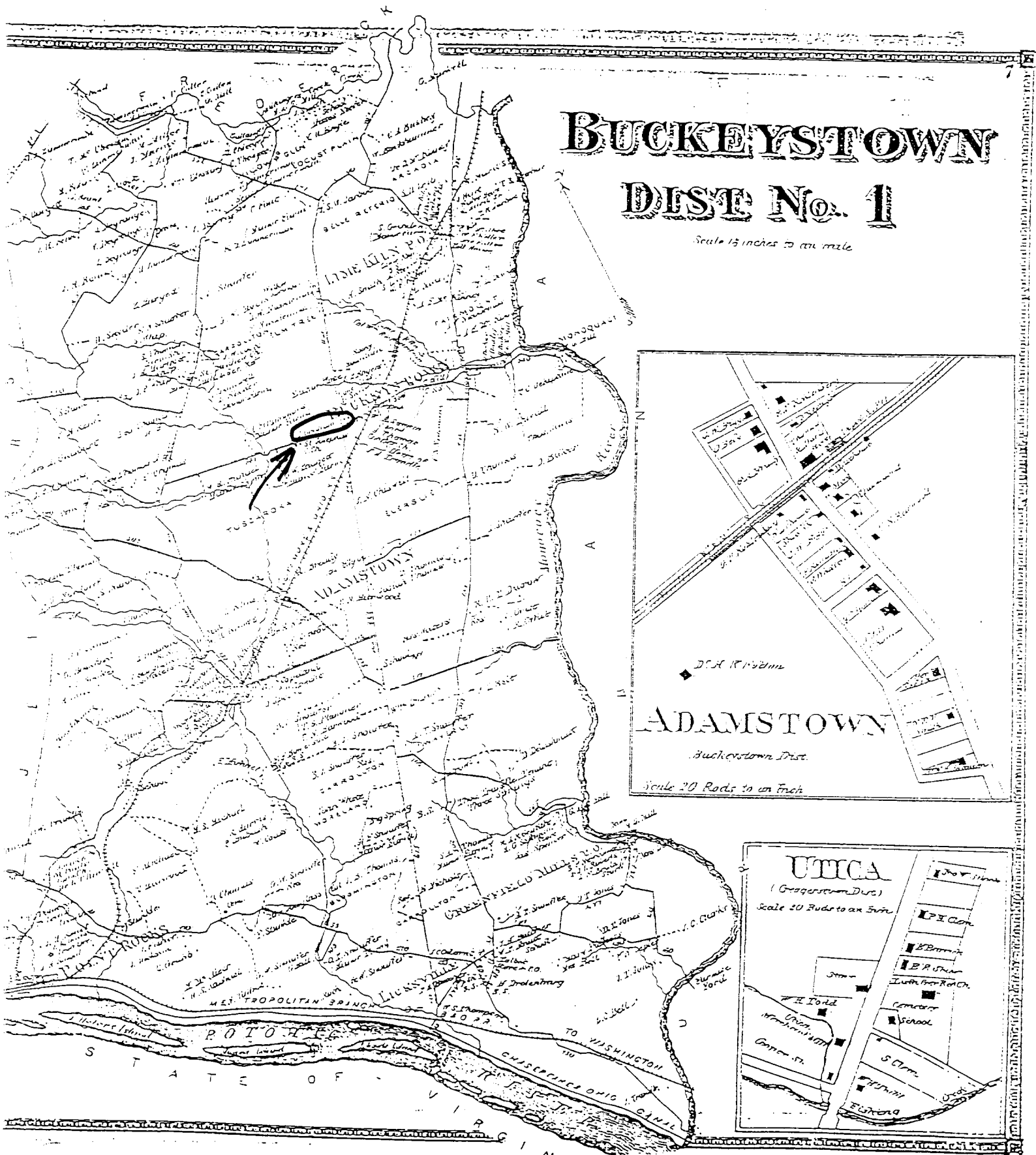
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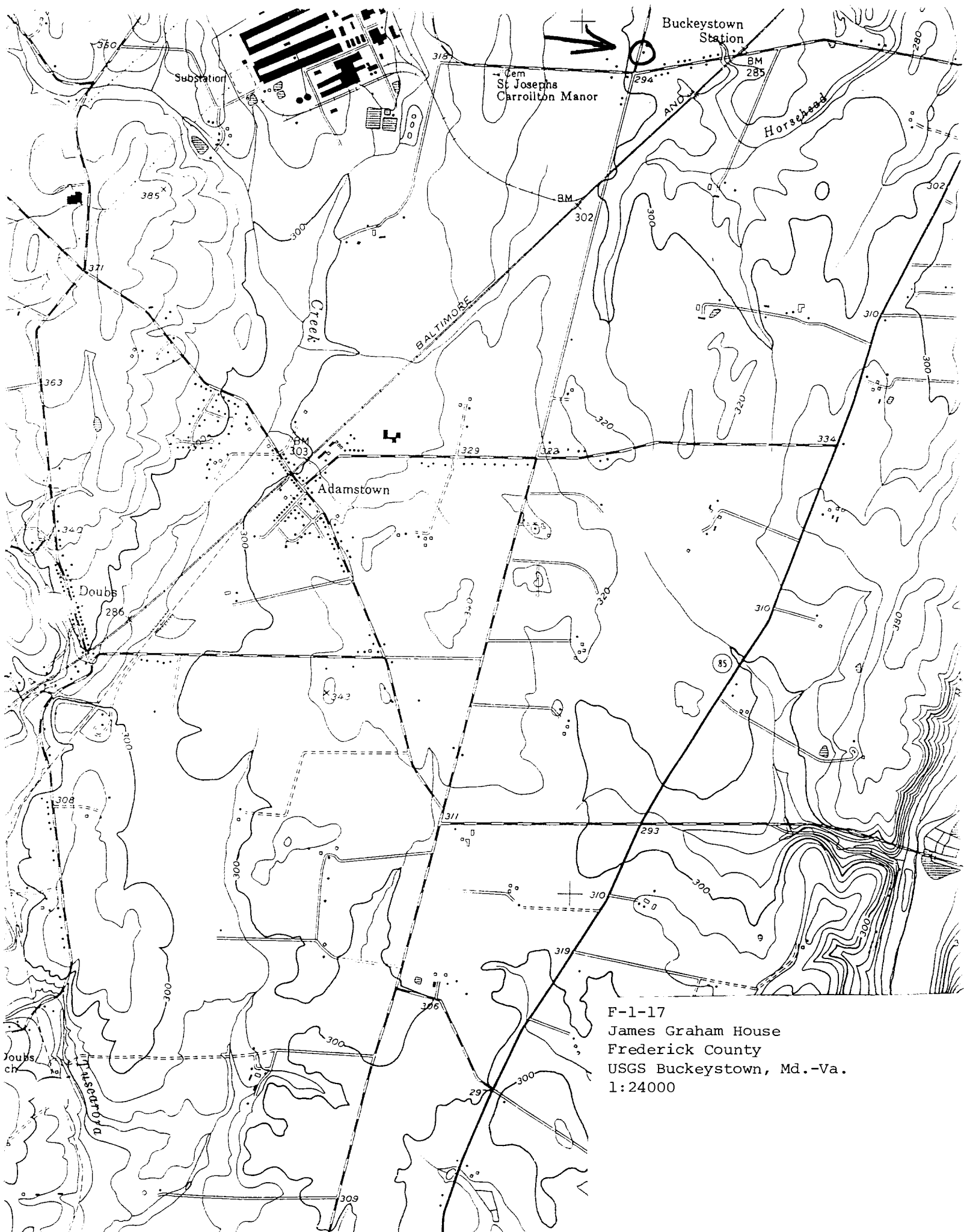
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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873





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West elevation

1/3



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View from south

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J. GRAHAM HOUSE

Int Manor Woods Rd and New Design Rd

CEW 5/78

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OUTBUILDING



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James Graham House

Frederick County

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North elevation and outbuildings

2/3



J. GRAHAM HOUSE

CEW 5/18

INT MANOR Woods Rd and New Design Rd

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WEST ELEVATION



J. GRAHAM HOUSE

N/S MAJOR WOODS RD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

CEW 5/78

F-1-17



J. GRAHAM HOUSE

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INT MANOR WOODS ROL AND NEW DESIGN ROL

SOUTH EAST ELEVATION

CEW

5/78